

Missouri Balance of State Coordinated Entry System Region 1

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Situation-

HUD is requiring that each state create a Coordinated Entry System to meet their requirements for maintaining funding.

History-

In the past, there were minimal requirements for homelessness assistance and each organization tended to manage it in their own way.

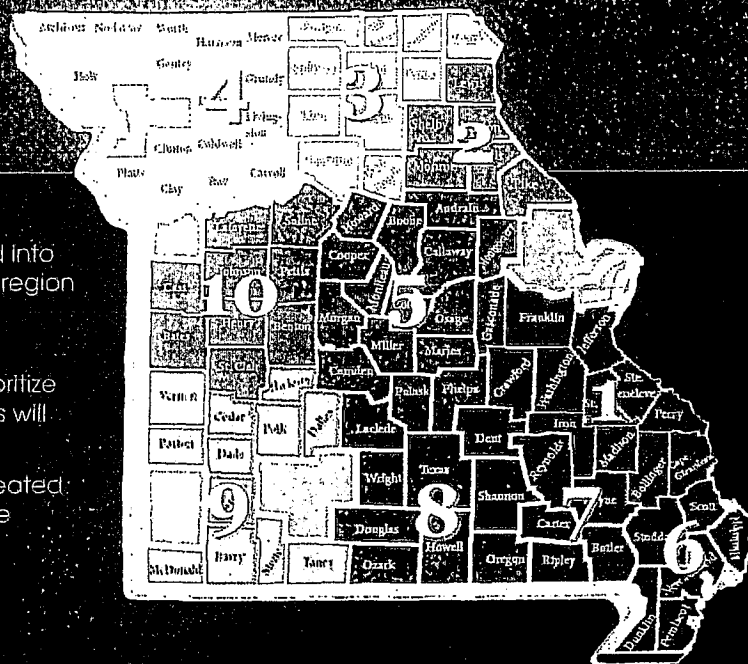
HUD sent out a notice in 2014 requiring:

- Prioritization list based on severity of need and chronically homeless
- Create a selection process for those whom qualify as chronically homeless and those at most risk of becoming chronically homeless
- Create a recordkeeping system to track and help those that are chronically homeless or those at most risk.

This must be achieved by January 2018

Response

- The state has been divided into 10 Regions and our area is region 1.
- Missouri is creating a standardized system to prioritize the needs of all clients. This will be set using the VI-SPDAT.
- An HMIS system is being created and used to track everyone anonymously.



Region 1

- Region 1 has decided to break into three sub-regions consisting of the following counties:
 - North- Jefferson, Franklin, Crawford
 - Central- Washington, Iron, St. Francois, and St. Genevieve
 - South- Madison, Perry, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau
- The region voted that each sub-region would have a door
 - North- Comtrea
 - Central- BJC Behavioral Health
 - South- Community Caring Council

Region 1

The doors provide access to the prioritization list, but all organizations can complete the application.

The doors complete the VI-SPDAT to find the clients priority level.

Once on the Prioritization list, a case conferencing call will take place on a periodic basis set by openings in the region to find housing for those with the greatest need.

Openings in our region are limited, so we must each work to help the clients find housing until their names come up on the list.

What does this look like to the client?

- Client comes in and says they are homeless
- Worker assists them to complete the application
- Worker sends application to door and calls or emails to set a time to complete the VI-SPDAT
- Client is put on the Prioritization list
- Client and worker continues to work to find housing while on list
- Client's name comes up on list, but will be contacted by correct referral source
- If client is unable to be contacted, then worker will be secondary contact at agency of referral
- Client finds housing!

Chronically Homeless:

The definition of "chronically homeless" currently in effect for the CoC Program is that which is defined in the CoC Program interim rule at 24 CFR 578.3, which states that a chronically homeless person is:

(a) An individual who:

Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and

Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years; and

Can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability;

(b) An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition (as described in Section I.D.2 (a) of this Notice), before entering that facility; or

(c) A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition (as described in Section I.D.2 (a) of this Notice), including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

What isn't Homelessness?

- Couch hopping
- Currently housed, but could be losing housing
- Sharing a home with another person or renting a room
- Living in a hotel
- Staying in a mobile home or Camper that has proper facilities and electric

The Packet

- Cover Page
 - Client ID#, Chronic, VI-SPDAT, and Disability completed by BJC BH
- Authorization to Discuss
- Intake and Assessment (2 pages)
 - Is the client willing to relocate?
- Verification of Disability
 - Ok to leave blank while client gets confirmation and then send in
 - Needs to be completed with current and history
- Consent and Release of information
 - Includes most organizations that would assist with housing in our region, but will likely change over time
- Needs- Letter from Shelter or worker to confirm homelessness

BJC's Role as a Door

- We will process and track applications for the Central Sub-region
- Once application is completed, we will assist with completion of the VI-SPDAT and send in completed application for placement on the prioritization list.
- We will assist with community outreach for the homeless community and walk ins not associated with a provider as they come or as needed.
- **Fridays 11-2**- Open VI-SPDAT time (If needed will make more times available)
 - Limited evaluations available by appointment with Nicki or Ronda
 - Follow up contact through Client's workers if needed
 - Client's should check with their agency/provider for updates

Questions

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○ Open Evaluation Time: Fridays 11-1 or by appointment

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